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To: Community Advisory Group Participants

From: Laura Aradanas, Project Director and Joy Goldenberg, Community Relations and Public Outreach Manager

Thank you for your commitment to the public outreach process supporting the Washington State Ferries' Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Improvement Project (BIFTIP). As we embark on updating the 1998 Bainbridge Ferry Terminal Master Plan, your involvement as a Community Advisory Group (CAG) member will ensure we are moving forward appropriately with guidance from immediate and neighboring communities.

The project team is eager to partner with the community to create the best terminal facility for WSF, Bainbridge Island and all users. As we work hand-in-hand over the next year, we look forward to sharing ideas, lessons learned and successful solutions to address current and future facility needs.

The time and energy invested by you over the next year will provide us with invaluable information on how the facility currently functions as well as how it may ideally look, feel and function in the future. In addition to advisory meetings, attendance at public meetings and the review of public correspondence will enable you to play an important role in shaping the future of the ferry terminal at Bainbridge Island. The update process will feature development of a preferred alternative for this vital regional transportation facility.

Together, our charge is to create a comprehensive solution for a facility that served 2.1 million vehicles, 6.4 million passengers and over 76,000 commercial vehicles in 2004 and is projected to grow to more than 11.5 million riders by 2030. Jointly we will need to balance community and customer interests, operational needs, environmental sensitivities and economic constraints to develop a transportation amenity that responds to the total customer experience.

Thank you again for your commitment of time and ideas to shaping the future of the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your investment today reaps rewards of an efficient, effective and safe transportation center for generations to come.

See you at our first CAG meeting on January 18, 2006.

